

CENTER CAGERS HAVE ENLARGED SCHEDULE

If ever the Center team will go places, it should be this year. The squad has a wealth of material and the first quintet is well seasoned. Here is a haphazard list of the cagers: Savitz, Jones, Gallagher, Mooty, Steciw, Zayach, Piccola, Barnes, Beltz, Ogrydziak, Dougherty.

The complete schedule for this season is as follows:

- Jan. 7—Pottsville Center, home.*
 - Jan. 14—Mahanoy City McCann's, home.*
 - Jan. 21—Freeland M.M.I., home.*
 - Feb. 3-4-5 — Penn State Center Tournament.
 - Feb. 8—Hazle Township, away.
 - Feb. 11 — Hazleton McCann's, away.*
 - Feb. 15—Foster Township, away.*
 - Feb. 23—Pottsville Center, away.*
 - Mar. 1—Foster Township, home.
 - Mar. 11—Freeland M.M.I., away.*
- (*) denotes Collegiate League games.

COMMITTEE DRAWS UP STUDENT BUDGET

Always a thorn in the side of student council and those unlucky enough to be appointed on the financial committee is the budget. This year is no exception. Last year's budget committee formulated our present budget as best they could; yet, they had not foreseen many details. But then, no one could expect them to be clairvoyant.

Receipts this year are derived from three major sources: the college, the restaurant, and activity fees, all of which are expected to function in good order. However, minor sources of income, such as that from card parties, etc., are generally unreliable and are looked upon with anxious eyes.

The expense side of the budget, needless to say, is the biggest threat to financial equilibrium. Athletics consumes about \$200, the social committee about \$100, and the other activities fall into positions proportional to their importance.

The ray of sunshine to the financial committee is the contingency fund, which will probably prove to be of great importance. This fund was necessary because of the uncharted seas that the Center has to navigate this year.

Taking everything into consideration, the students needn't worry about our budget; the wizardry of our financial committee is unexcelled. And faculty adviser, Mr. Goas, will see that the budget committeemen—Ruth Bachman, John Barnes, and Emer Flounders—sail on a smooth financial sea.

Students Participate In Four Club Activities

Dramatic Club.

Our Dramatics Club is the only organization that might be said to have a "tradition" behind it. Begun last April, it produced a play, "Sunset by Slantsky," in which John Barnes and Ruth Bachman were "co-starred." The supporting roles were very ably acted by Walter Organist and Anyarita Mhley, one of our alumni who is now attending Penn State College.

At the opening of this term, the Dramatics Club received an influx of members, largely from the freshman class. Mary Ann McClintock was unanimously elected president; John Barnes, chairman of committees. The first production of this year, "There's Always Tomorrow" by Daniel Petigrew, was presented in Assembly Wednesday, December 8. The cast included the following people:

Bob Evans—Kermit LaRose.
Joan Evans, his wife—Mary Ann McClintock.
Virginia White—Ann Greshko.
Mrs. Scrump—Marie Somers.

The committees were: Stage, Ellis Warner and Frederic MacDowell; Prompter, Josephine Zogby; Costumes, Alice Marie McGrory; Publicity, Walter Organist; Make-up, Marie Somers and Marian Quick; Properties, Larry Tarleton and Ruth Bachman.

For the success of "There's Always Tomorrow," the Dramatics Club is indebted to Miss Yotter for her patient and skillful coaching, to the cast for their fine performance, to the committee, and to Mr. Herpel for installing the curtain.

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Ping-Pong Team Wins First League Match

Nobody can doubt now that the Hazleton Center has a wealth of ping pong players. A few weeks ago Tony Piccola, ace ping-pongist, got together a few of the Center players and, without any practice, went down to the Y.M.C.A. to defeat the "Y" ping pong team. The Center team took five out of seven single matches. The winners were: Barnes, Piccola, Novotnie, Blyler, and Newell.

In the doubles the Center team took two out of three games. Piccola and Blyler teamed up to trounce the "Y" stars, Woodring and Rossman. Barnes and Organist won the second doubles match, but Tarleton and Novotnie lost out in the third match.

Captain Piccola's men are members of the Y.M.C.A. Ping Pong League. This league is composed of twelve teams in Hazleton.

Our Cage Team Loses Its First Two Games

Although Coach Charlie McGeehan's basketball team got off on the wrong foot, Center students should rest assured that Charlie and the boys will get in line in the win column. That 32-25 defeat suffered at the hands of Sheppton High can be explained away by citing the size of the gym and the high school's center. The gym was too small for the Center cagers and the Sheppton High center was too tall to be stopped from dropping in peepers.

Bill Savitz led our boys in scoring with eight points, and the veteran, "Nipper" Gallagher, trailed with five points. Jones and Mooty looked like two kingpins in our team's floorwork. With a little practice on their passing attack, our cagemen should do better in the future and on larger courts.

The boys' second lose was a heart-breaker. They lost a 31-29 battle to Nuremberg that required two extra periods to settle. Coach McGeehan led his team in scoring with eleven points.

THREE PARTIES GIVEN AT CENTER

The first party of any school year is always difficult to plan. The students, not knowing one another, are stiff and unnatural; people are afraid of the sound of their own voices. Not so the first Center party! Knowing that working together makes people feel less shy, our faculty put us to work sand-papering and painting chairs and tables. Thus the Center killed two birds with one stone—they prevented the party from being the kind at which one politely stifles, yawns, and accomplished some very necessary repairs. A few of the more sentimental members of the Sophomore Class admitted, however, that it was not without a pang that they eradicated the perpetual record of the alumni, their carvings in the chairs. After their hard work, the painters partook of cider and doughnuts until the very large supply was exhausted.

The second party is the Faculty party which is usually "la pièce de résistance" of the year. (Miss Yotter's French classes will please note.) This year's faculty party was like the one given last year only better. The scene of the party was the Center cabaret, a prominent "hot-spot" of the wicked West in the nineties. Among those who conducted gambling games were Lady Lou Yotter, Red Harrison, Three-Gun Eiche, Coyote Kieft, and Limpy Herpel. At the bar were Chief Standing Bull Janssen and Mr. Walters. The cabaret was unusually quiet that evening; no one

McGEEHANITES DROP CONTEST TO McCANN'S

Again our basketeers were frowned upon by Lady Victory. This time it was McCann's that did the trick. Charlie McGeehan and the boys at half time were passing and shooting like veterans, piling up a 20-14 lead. But, alas and alack, the McCann's cagers opened up in the third period, cut down our lead, and then developed one of their own. So eventually we lost our third hopeless game for this season. If this keeps up, our team will have to play with its fingers crossed.

The lay-off during the Christmas holidays, however, ought to give Coach McGeehan an ample opportunity to smooth out the rough edges and prepare the Center quintet for its first conquest in January.

Girls' Room Lay-out Gets Homey Touch

In answer to the curious looks of a few of the males at the door of the Girls' Room, here is a description of it. Painted in a combination of white and green, this bright little den is furnished for the comfort of the girls with furniture which they donated. Included in the donations are two newly upholstered easy chairs, presents of Misses Somers and Newell; a lounge draped with a chintz cover, an addition by Miss Yotter; an end table with book ends and a reading table with a black pottery based lamp. A sink, two cupboards containing dishes and glassware, and two full length mirrors give a homey touch to the room. The energy and time spent by the girls under the supervision of Miss Yotter have added to the appreciation of the comfort which this room affords them.

was caught cheating, and Three-Gun Eiche's kind offer to kill your enemies for \$50 was not taken. At the end of the evening, Earl Seybert and Margaret Lucash were awarded prizes for having won the most money. Then a dance of the Paul Jones types was held. It was discovered that the faculty were most in demand as partners in the peanut dance.

The third party of the year was the Alumni party. Explanations are in order. Many of the out-of-town students may have been disappointed in missing the Thanksgiving party. The Social Committee, however, found it impossible to give a party that could be attended by both the alumni and the out-of-town students. We really missed you very much, and we shall try to make amends in the Xmas party. Over fifty alumni attended the Thanksgiving party.